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Alleged Cop-Killer in Pittsburgh Linked to White Supremacist Beliefs

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The man charged with [1] murdering three Pittsburgh police officers Saturday **posted messages to a racist Web forum, considered getting a white supremacist tattoo, used racial insults online, and reportedly believed that Jews control** America.

Richard Andrew Poplawski, who was arrested after a four-hour standoff that began when police intervened in a domestic dispute with his mother, said in a 2007 online profile that his “favorite cuss word[s]” included “you fucking nigger.” Around the same time, Hatewatch found, **he posted a message to Stormfront.org, the largest white supremacist forum in the world, with a photograph of an eagle tattoo that he has on his chest and a mention that he was thinking about adding more tattoos. “I was considering getting life runes on the outside of my calfs [sic], or just one on my penis maybe,”** he said in the posting, referring to the symbol of the [2] National Alliance, for decades America’s leading neo-Nazi group.

At the same time, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette [3] reported today, Poplawski, 22, believed that the United States was run by a secret cabal of Jews, feared an attack on gun rights, thought that U.S. troops would be used against citizens, and concluded that 30 states had already declared their “sovereignty.” He also was said to be a fan of far-right websites run by antigovernment conspiracy-monger Alex Jones. Much of the Post-Gazette’s information came from Edward Perkovic, who told the paper — and numerous other media outlets — that he was Poplawski’s lifelong best friend. Perkovic said that his friend was opposed to “Zionist propaganda” and had told him that he would “defend himself” if anyone tried to take his guns away.

Perkovic appears to share those beliefs and then some. Until the MySpace profile belonging to “Eddie Perkovic” (which mentions his friend, Richard Poplawski) was scrubbed over the weekend, it contained a wealth of neo-Nazi material captured by Hatewatch. “I must point out the dangers of ... our Zionist occupied government, and a slow, painstaking movement toward censorship, mixed bloodlines that will erase national identity ... and the way the Zionist media controls everything you see and heard [sic] on your television and radio’s [sic].” Perkovic goes on to recommend [4] The Protocols of the Elders of Zion, the notorious anti-Semitic forgery; [5] The Turner Diaries, the infamous race war novel by National Alliance founder [6] William Pierce; Jewish Supremacy by former Klan leader [7] David Duke; and Civil War II, a fictional portrayal by Thomas Chittum of a civil war that tears America apart.

Poplawski is accused of shooting to death three Pittsburgh police officers — Eric Kelly, Stephen Mayhle, and Paul Sciuillo III — and wounding a fourth before he was himself wounded in a furious shootout and taken into custody. Officials said that he and his mother had gotten into frequent disputes over the years, and acquaintances said that he had been dishonorably discharged from the Marines three years ago. The Post-Gazette also reported that court records showed Poplawski in 2005 threatened to kill his then-girlfriend. He was later accused of violating a protective order in that case.

Alex Jones, the conspiracy theorist in whom Poplawski reportedly was interested, runs two websites, [8] Infowars and [9] Prison Planet, that specialize in a series of the kind of paranoid ideas that animated the militia movement of the 1990s. Jones is a radio talk show host based in Austin, Texas, who has produced or directed films like “Martial Law 9/11: Rise of the Police State,” “Endgame: Blueprint for Global Enslavement,” “Matrix of Evil: Exposed,” and “The Obama Deception.” In 2006, he was detained by Canadian authorities as he headed to an Ottawa meeting of the Bilderberg Group, a body frequently accused by radical and anti-Semitic groups of being part of a shadowy

international effort to destroy U.S. sovereignty.

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[UPDATED] Richard Poplawski: Accused Pittsburgh Cop Killer, Possible White Supremacist

Posted at 6:51 PM Apr 04, 2009

UPDATE 2, SUNDAY, 4/5/09

This is already all over the Web - it's an old MySpace kept by Richard Poplawski under the screen name RichieDelicious. This is Poplawski's now-infamous MySpace blog post from the same account. A copy has been saved here.

UPDATE, SUNDAY, 4/5/09

Let's all congratulate The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on catching up with True Crime Report. I broke the news of Poplawski's association with Stormfront.org in this post yesterday. This is from the Post-Gazette's article published today:

[Poplawski's] online profile suggests someone at once lonely and seething. He wrote of burning the backs of both of his hands, the first time with a cigarette, the second time for symmetry. He subscribed to conspiracy theories and, by January 2007, was posting photographs of his tattoos on white supremacist Web site Stormfront. Among his ambitions: "to accumulate enough 'I punched that [expletive] so hard' stories to match my old man."

I haven't checked to see if the Post-Gazette's IP shows up in this blog's stats, but then again, everyone knows how to use Google now, or should. Either way, you heard it here, first.

ETA: Many thanks to Crooks & Liars for acknowledging this blog's sleuthing in this case. In the interest of balance (because I try to keep my political views out of this blog), thanks to Kurt Nimmo from InfoWars.com for his link to this post as well.

Original Post, 4/4/09, 6:51 p.m. ET

News segment about the triple cop shooting in Pittsburgh.

Richard Poplawski's buddy Eddie Perkovic told the press that his friend feared that President Obama would ban guns. Perkovic seemed to think this had some bearing on the crime for which Poplawski stands accused: the shooting deaths of Pittsburgh, PA police officers Eric Kelly, Stephen Mayhle and Paul Sciallo III.

According to the Associated Press, Poplawski was wearing a bulletproof vest and 'laying in wait' for the cops early

Saturday when law enforcement responded to a domestic disturbance call at the residence Poplawski shared with his parents.

Between SWAT teams who responded to the standoff that ensued after the initial gun battle and the shooter himself, more than 100 rounds were fired, overall. Poplawski suffered non-fatal injuries to his extremities.

Eddie Perkovic was interviewed after the tragedy, and he said that his friend feared "the Obama gun ban" that he felt was "on its way." Poplawski also "didn't like our rights being infringed upon."

I checked out Perkovic's MySpace profile (won't link because a: it's easy to find and b: he might make it private, anyway) and found that he had a friend with this profile:

<http://www.myspace.com/richp>

Apparently, Richard Poplawski. Folks elsewhere online have photos from that page, but it was private by the time I found it. I did find Poplawski's Stumbleupon account. Stumbleupon is mainly for bookmarking interesting web pages, and Poplawski's account may be worth a close look just to get some idea of what he liked.

When I searched the full URL of Poplawski's apparent MySpace profile, though, I happened onto a thread at StormFront.org. It is a message board for folks who believe in "White Pride World Wide." Someone using the screen name "Braced For Fate" wrote the following:

as much as I HATE myspace

I do still have a page left over from when it was an okay site (circa late '04 early 05)

<http://www.myspace.com/richp>

BTW, OP, it requires your last name or email address to be able to add you as a friend, not the best setup if you're trying to expand your friend base

Google's cache of the StormFront thread, made in late February of this year, showed that at that time, "Braced For Fate's" screen name was "RichP."

Eddie Perkovic, for his part, clearly must share some of Poplawski's views, as his profile revealed a fear of "Zionists" and some kind of ethnic takeover of America. Among Perkovic's recommended reads were "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion" and The Turner Diaries.

The longer I do this crime blogging thing, the more I try to shy away both from editorializing and from fear-mongering. But I can't help but feel we'll hear from more Richard Poplawskis in the years to come. There are changes happening in the world that they, to say the least, don't like very much. After all, prior to 9/11/01, the worst modern act of terrorism committed on American soil was committed by Americans. And one of those Americans, Tim McVeigh, happened to have pages from The Turner Diaries with him when he was arrested.

I'm just saying: while we were searching for the key to eliminating Al Qaeda, guys like Richard Poplawski didn't go anywhere. Hell, they may have even multiplied. Just remember that.

Check out his friend's My Space Page

<http://www.myspace.com/edfromalate>

Here is Poplawski and Eddie Perkovic showing their "funny" side in a video:

<http://profile.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=vids.individual&VideoID=10517822>

Update 1400 hours Sunday April 5th. Eddie or his Mommy took most of the offensive stuff off their MySpace Page. Wish I'd copied-and-pasted more from the good buddy of killer Poplawski and Old Knudsen. The funniest part was that after a 1400 word rant against Jews he closed with "THIS ISN'T ANTI-SEMITISM" in bold letters. Kind of like his mentor Old Knudsen claiming he isn't Anti-Christian and Anti-American.

Here is what he and his mommy had up prior to today:

I only am interested in the people i know that are geniuses in their own right. I'm sure their advice holds more merit. The Matt Spahr's, Jason Orr's and Richard Poplawski's of this world. Take it or leave it. Crosby wants your 5. Lets dance. Come to one of our shows or check us out on Myspace.com/Versatheband you arrogant prick! What you think you have to do that's better doesn't really matter anyway because you are an ant just like the rest of us. Love you - Eddie. VERSA IS.

DOCUMENTS I RECCOMEND YOU READ BY GOOGLE: **"Civil War II" by Tom Chittum "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion" "The Turner Diaries" by Dr. William Pierce "Jewish Supremacy" by Dr. David Duke It Has Even Been Documented In The Communist Manifesto: "“We must realize that our party’s most powerful weapon is racial tension. "By propounding into the consciousness of the dark races that for centuries they have been oppressed by the whites, we can mold them to the program of the Communist Party. "In America we will aim for subtle victory. While inflaming the Negro minority against the whites, we will endeavour to instill in the whites a guilt complex for their exploitation of the Negroes. "We will aid the Negroes to rise to prominence in every walk of life, in the professions, and in the world of sports and entertainment**

PITTSBURGH – Pittsburgh police say a man wearing a bulletproof vest opened fire on officers during a domestic disturbance call, killing three of them.

Police chief Nate Harper says the motive for Saturday's shooting isn't clear.

"When I looked down I saw two police officers laying in the street," said Don Sand, who lives across the street and was awoken by the sound of gunfire.

A short time later, more officers, SWAT teams and other law enforcement arrived and a third officer was shot, Sand said.

"They couldn't get the scene secure enough to get to them. They were just lying there bleeding," Sand said. "By the time they secured the scene enough to get to them it was way too late."

Edward Perkovic said Poplawski, his best friend, feared "the Obama gun ban that's on the way" and "didn't like our rights being infringed upon."

Perkovic, 22, said he got a call at work from him in which he said, "Eddie, I am going to die today. ... Tell your family I love them and I love you."

Perkovic said: "I heard gunshots and he hung up. ... He sounded like he was in pain, like he got shot."